FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

OF MISSISSIPPI,

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Sept. [redacted]th and Oct. 1st and 2d, [redacted]

OFFICERS:

[redacted] .....Moderator.

J. [redacted] .....Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. [redacted], J. H. Eddleman, W. F. Cole, J. F. Barry.

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Preparation to Organize a New Association.

On Monday after the second Lord's day in October, 1892, the following churches in the Louisville Association called for and obtained letters from Louisville Association with the view or organizing another Association, and said churches so withdrawing agreed to meet in Chester, Choctaw county, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Sunday in December, 1892, for that purpose.

LIST OF CHURCHES OBTAINING LETTERS: Ackerman, Clear Springs, Center Grove, Bethany, Bly's Creek, Double Springs, French Camp, Fellowship, Hogan's Chapel, Providence, Pleasant Ridge, Spring Hill, New Zion, Ruhama, Wake Forest and Mt. Moriah.

Immediately after the letters were granted, the Association passed this order: "Any churches wishing to go into the new Association might apply to the clerk and he should give them letters." Agreeable to that order the following churches have obtained letters: Bear Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Olivet, McCurtain's Creek, Sturges and Beulah. It was agreed that E. R. Seward, J. L. Power, S. B. Dobbs and J. R. W. Foster were to prepare, or get up a Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum for the Association.

Friday morning, December 2d, 1892. Many churches met at Chester to-day and Eld. N. Q. Adams was elected as temporary Moderator, and after prayer by him, J. R. W. Foster was elected Clerk. Upon motion the Constitution was read and adopted, section at a time. The Article of Faith and Rules of Decorum were adopted as prepared by the committee—for copy of same see "1." The organization being perfected with N. Q. Adams as Moderator and J. R. W. Foster, Clerk. Upon motion that the Order of Business adopted by Louisville Association be adopted by us. Upon motion N. Q. Adams was elected to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., and this Association will pay his expenses. Adjourned to meet at half past one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met and resumed business. The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

MISSIONS: W H H Fancher, F T Milligan and J G Brooks.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE: E R Seward, W M Weeks, G S Jenkins.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: J H McCarty, M A Biggers, B C McGarrity.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION: J J Carter, A P Berry and Joe Thompson.

WOMAN'S WORK: D Burney, J Worrell and G D Weatherall.

PUBLICATIONS: E A Fant, H Stedman and A R Hester.

TEMPERANCE: S B Dobbs, G W Henson and P Blanton.

SUSTENTATION: J L Power, J C Keen and J M Murphy.

Upon motion that committee of Nominations be appointed; Committee: O Chamblee, J C Nail and George Vaughan, who reported that J H D Watson preach the Introductory sermon at next meeting, E A Fant alternate. Executive Board for next year: E R Seward, W M Weeks, Jas. McCarty, S B Dobbs and J L Power.

A collection was taken up at this hour to assist the brethren at Fentress in building a home or buying one to organize a Missionary Baptist church in; amount raised $3.55, and turned over to James Worrell. The name agreed upon for new Association was CHESTER.

Upon motion that we decide now the place of next meeting of this body, which resulted in favor of Fellowship church, two miles southwest of Mathiston on G. P. R. R. New Haven church read a resolution passed at the last conference of said church, which the Association does not endorse, and we advise the church to rescind its action. Upon motion that the Clerk prepare a synopsis of the proceedings of this meeting and send to the Plaindealer, printed at Ackerman, and Lamp, printed at French Camp, and request them to publish the same. Upon motion that W A Edwards be recognized as Colporteur of this Association Upon motion that this Association be divided into two districts and the Association meetings alternate, when held in the first district this year, in the second the next, and that district meetings be held in each on the 5th Sunday. Upon motion that the Moderator appoint a committee to make the division of districts now. Committee appointed: E R Seward and J R Smith, who reported as follows: District one, Ackerman, Center Grove, Bethany, Bly's Creek, Double Springs, Fellowship, Pleasant Ridge, Spring Hill, Wake Forest, Bethlehem, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Olivet and Sturges. District two, Clear Springs, French Camp, Hogan's Chapel, Providence, New Zion, Ruhama, Mt. Moriah, Bear Creek, McCurtains Creek, Beulah, Woods Springs and New Haven.

Upon motion the minutes as read were adopted. Upon motion adjourn until Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m., to meet with Fellowship church.

J. R. W. FOSTER, Clerk. N. Q. ADAMS, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

1—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats. Adopted.
2—The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of Chester Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any internal rights of the churches in union, but merely to be considered as an advisory council in matters respecting their internal concerns for the common benefit of all the churches; but the Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church who violates, or deviates from the orthodox principles of the gospel. Adopted.
3—The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last report or session, which shall be read and minuted. Adopted.
4—Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz: Each church shall be entitled to three delegates and no more, and any church failing to represent herself as above stated shall state her reason at the next session. Adopted.
5—New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters—if upon due examination they be found worthy, orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their delegates the right hand in token of Christian fellowship. Adopted.
6—The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views. Ad'p'd.
7—At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be elected by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly oversved, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be elected, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings, each holding his office until a regular election. Adopted by amending so that it be a majority vote.
8—The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session. Ad'p
9—Every querry sent by a particular church must be included in her letter certifying that she has tried to reconcile it but failed. In such case the Association shall take

it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes. Adopted.
10—The Association shall have a fund supplical by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be sent by delegates and paid over to Finance committee. If monies have be sent off during the year, such statement be made in the letter. A finance commitee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund and dispose of same agreeable to order of Ass'tion and make, at every session, a fair report of their proceedings. Ad'p.
11—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session. Adopted.
12—The Association shall not adjourn any session until they have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinury cases. Adopted.
13—The minutes of the Associatfon shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. Adopted.
14—The Association in all cases, shall be governed by a majolity of the members present. Adopted.
15—Amendments to the Constitutiou may be made at any session of the body when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary. Adopted.
16—This Association shall meet on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, of each year at 10 o'clock a. m. Adopted.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1—We believe in only one living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: Deut. 6-4; Mark 12-29; 1st John 5-7.
2—We believe the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testament are the words of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice; 2d Timothy 3-16; Romans 10-18.
3—We believe in the doctrine of election and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world: Eph. 1, 4, 5 and 11; 2d Thes. 2-13; Rom. 9-11, and 11-5.
4—We believe in the doctrine of original sin: Ps. 51-5; Rom. 7-14, 17.
5—We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature: Rom. 9-16; John 6-44.
6—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only: Isaiah 45-17; Romans 4-3.
7—We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost: John 16-16; 1st Thessalonians 2-13; John 17-2; 1st Corinthians 6-11.
8—We believe the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away: Colossians 3-3; 1st Peter 1-5.
9—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that by immersion only, was the Apostolic practice; Mat. 28-19-20 and 3; Colossians 2-12; Romans 6-5.
10—We believe in the resurrection after death and in the general judgment and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal: John 5-29, 28; 2d Corinthians 5-10.
12—We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery: Eph. 4-5; 1st Cor. 9-15; Acts 14-23; 1st Tim. 4-14.
13—We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table: Acts 2-41, 42.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1—The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2—A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3—The Moderator shall be considered as judge of order and shall have a discretional right to call to order at any time.
4—A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5—But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, shall proceed.
6—The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
7—No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
8—Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered.
9—When a question is taken up after allowing a sufficient time for debate, the Moderator shall take the vote and announce the decision.
10—Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11—No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association; nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken: nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject untill the debators have been carried through.
12—The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another.
13—The names of members shall be called as often as the Asscoiation may desire.
14—No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt a speaker.
15—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote upon any question, unless the Association be equally divided.
16—Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator at discretion—but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Minutes of the Chester Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH, 1893.

The first annual session of the Chester Association convened with the Fellowship church of Choctaw county, Miss., and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., by the Moderator, Bro. N. Q. Adams. Prayer was offered by H. J. Valandingham. Finance committee appointed: S B Dobbs, W M Weeks and J R Smith. Reading Clerks appointed: E R Seward and J S Holloway. The letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled. See "A."

Upon motion adjourned to hear Introductory sermon, which was preached by Bro. J H D Watson at 11 o'clock a. m., from the text: 2d epistle general of Peter, 3d chapter and 18th verse: "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30.

Called together by singing "Nearer my God to Thee." Prayer by Eld. W A Edwards. Upon motion that we go into election of officers for the next year, brethren W A Hurt and B R Hughey were appointed tellers who, after all had voted reported the election of N Q Adams as Moderator, and J R W Foster as Clerk. Appropriate remarks by the Moderator; prayer by B R Hughey. A call was made for petittonary letters, when the following churches, through their delegates presented themselves: Fentress and Bluff Springs, who were upon motion, received and the Moderation, in behalf of the Association extended to their delegates the right hand of fellowship and they were invited to seats.

Called for correspondence; Columbus and State Baard: H J Valandingham; Louisville, J T Sargent; Yazoo Association and Representative of Layman, W A Hurt; Aberdeen Association, B R Hughey; Zion Association, W S Middleton.

Corresphndence returned: Columbus, W J Wilson, W H H Fancher; Louisville, W A Edwards, A P Berry, N Q Adams; Yazoo, David Burney; Aberdeen, no one; Zion, B L Middleton; Kosciusko, W M Weeks, David Burney, W H H Fancher, W J Wilson, J C Keen, J J Carter, W A Taylor; State Convention, E R Seward, W H H Fancher, David Burney, W M Weeks, W A Edwards, M A Biggers, N Q Adams, J R W Foster, S B Dobbs, W A Dobbs, G W Henson, J H D Watson, W J Frazier, J C Keen, J W Jenkins, B E Watson, Noah Foudren, J M Murphey.

Committee appointed upon devotional exercises: J C Keen, J F Berry with the pastor and deacons of this church. Upon motion the Association went into an election of a delegate to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Dallas, Texas, and the Association will pay the expense at its next meeting; C H Dobbs was elected, and G S Jenkins was elected alternate. Upon motion that we decide now the place of next meeting of the Association. Bear Creek church in Attala county was selected, which is

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Saturday night preaching as follows: J T Sargent at church; text: 1st Peter 4-18; W H H Fancher, Pinto Hall; 116 Psalm 12 verse; David Burney, Mathiston; 1st Epistle general of John 4-10.

SUNDAY MORNING,

OCTOBER 1ST, 1893, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

After singing, reading a portion of Scripture, prayer by M W Black, the committee on Sunday Schools read their report which, after discussion by M A Biggers, W H H Fancher, H J Valandingham and B R Hugey, at the same time a letter was read from brother B N Hatch, who has been appointed to travel in the State in the interest of Sunday Schools, was adopted—see "C."

Pledges were then taken from the churches to be paid to brother Row by 1st of March, 1894—see "D." At 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. B R Hugey preached in the house to a large crowd from Isiah, 55th ch., 10th and 11th verses. At the same hour brother W H H Fancher preached to a full house in the school-house from Romans 8-14. Collections taken at this hour for Associational purposes, $5.35. Prsaching at 2 o'clock to a large audience by H J Valandingham, 28 ch of Matthew, last two verses. At this hour a collection was taken up to buy a bible for Fellowship church, $2.80. Preaching Sunday night as follows: W A Edwards at church, text: John 3-16; W H H Fancher at Mathiston, 2d Corinthians 5-14; David Burney at B L Middleton's: Acts 19-33; J T Sargent, Pinto Hall, text not obtained.

MONDAY MORNING,

OCTOBER 2D, 1893. 9 O'CLOCK.

Called together by singing "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer by the Moderator; minutes read; roll called. Upon motion a committee on nominations was appointed, viz: M A Carr, W J Frazier and J S Holloway. The committee on Systematic Benevolence read their report which, after some discussion, by H J Valandingham, A J Franklin and others, was adopted—see "E." The committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education read their report which after being discussed by W H H Fancher, B L Middleton, S Oswalt, N Q Adams, B R Hughey and others, at this time pledges were taken to send G S Jenkins to Clinton College, when $100.00 was pledged, $22.30 of which was turned over to Financial committee—see "G." Appropriate remarks by G S Jenkins. The committee on Woman's Work read their report which after some discussion by Hughey Valandingham and others, was adopted—see "H." Kind words were spoken by W H H Fancher and W A Edwards for the Record and Layman. Adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on Publications read their report which after discussion by W A Edwards and others, was adopted—see "I."

The committee on Temperance read their report which after discussion by S B Dobbs, Valandingham and others was adopted—see "J." Upon motion that we adopt the report on Sustentation last year by the Louisville Association miuntes page 11, signed by the committee at organization of this Association—see "K." Upon motion that the cemmittee on Obituaries be granted further time to make report and when completed send to the Clerk so as to be printed in the minutes, and that we have a Memorial service at the next meeting—see "L." The Executive Board made their report which was adopted—see "M." The report made by Colporteur was adopted—see "N." Upon motion brother W A Edwards was endorsed as Colporteur next year for half his time. The committee on Nominations read their report which was adopted—see "O." Upon motion two others were added to Executive committee. The Finance committee made their report and it was adopted—see "P." Resolutions adopted—see "Q." The committee to get up a list of Ordained ministers and licentiates made their report—see "R." Upon motion that the Clerk be made Treasurer and be allowed $20.00, and that he have 500 minutes printed and include in the minutes the organization of the Association at Chester, the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, and that the churches of this Association forward to Clerk the balance of the money necessary to complete the work. Upon motion adjourned to meet with the Bear Creek church on Saturday at 10 o'clock a m., before the first Lord's day in Oct. 1894.

J. R. W. FOSTER,
Clerk and Treasurer.

N. Q. ADAMS,
Moderator.

A—DELEGATES PRESENT.

Ackerman—E R Seward, David Burney and J F Berry. *Bethlehem*—A C Dotson and W T Weeks. *Bethany*—J R Smith. *Bear Creek*—M A Carr, J M Black and W J Frazier. *Bly's Creek*—J R McClain, Hardy Foudren and F T Milligan. *Beulah*—Isaac Morris and Lee Black. **Bluff Springs*—A M Coleman and J Holman. *Clear Springs*—M A Biggers, Hugh Shaw and J W Ramage. *Center Grove*—J A Douglass and M R Fulgham. *Double Springs*—Ben Azwell and Geo. Vaughan. *Ebenezer*—Bob Pearson and J W Jenkins. **Fentress*—J H Prewitt and Joe Thompson. *French Camp*—W H H Fancher, J S Holloway and J W Chapman. *Fellowship*—Samuel Oswalt, D S Jones and J M Buzbee. *Hogan's Chapel*—E D Meredith, D L Humphries and L L Williams. *Mt. Moriah*—J P Patterson, H R Kite and J G Coleman. *Mt. Olivet*—J H Butler and R M Cotton. *Mt. Pisgah*—A J Franklin, J A Bowles and J T Allen; *McCurtain's Creek*—Will Nail and G W McGough. *New Haven*—J F Simpson and J E Daves. *New Zion*—D P Franks, W M Weeks and J C Keen. *Pleasant Ridge*—J T Crow, A S Sykes and W M Brown. *Providence*—J H D Watson, B E Watson and W D Mullin. *Ruhama*—S B Dobbs, B C McGarrity and J R W Foster. *Sturgis*—G W Walker, P L Cotton and M B Strowd. *Spring Hill*—J P Williams, Sim Foudren and Henry Stedman. *Wake Forest*—N O Adams and A P Berry. *Woods Springs*—J H Peacock and J M Nail.

B—MISSION REPORT.

Foreign Missions: During this entire year of modern missions, great things have been undertaken in mission work, and in most instances great things have been accomplished. Thus, the Baptist of England who number about 350,000 members, raised $550,000 over and above their annual contributions for Foreign Missions. Our northern Baptist brethren raised over $1,000,000 for Foreign Missions. The Baptist of the south undertook to raise $125,000 over and above their annual contributions for the year. They did not raise that amount, yet their contributions to Foreign Missions for the year showed an increase of some $23,000 over any previous year.

Mission Force: We have now in our mission force 82 missionaries, of whom 53 are ladies; also 78 native helpers, of whom 8 are women; we have 75 native churches with 2,923 members.

Home Missions: The work done during the year by Home mission board is as follows: Number of missionaries 368. Weeks of labor 14,014. Sermons and addresses 5,111. Houses of worship built 92. Cnurches constituted 115. Bibles and Testaments distributed 1,640. Total cash receipts for the year $109,989.58.

State Missions: Summary of work done: Missionaries employed 26; miles traveled 26,209; number of stations 73; sermons preached 1,493; prayer meetings attended 427; persons baptized 314; baptized by others where missionaries labored 173; received by letter 108; restored to church fellowship 6; churches organized 1; Sunday schools organized 12; pledges on collection book $300; collected on these pledges $35; collected for personal service $972; collected for state missions $506.80, collected for other purposes $4,261; houses of worship commenced 1; houses of worship repaired 3. Inasmuch as Mississippi is far behind her usual contributions for the last year; we therefore recommend that all churches in the Chester Association adopt regular quarterly collections for the different missionary objects fostered by Baptist and forward the same to A. V. Rowe, corresponding secretary of Convention Board, post-office, Winona, Miss. Respectfully submitted,

Committee, { W. H. H. FANCHER,
F. T. MILLEGAN,
J. G. BROOKS.

C—SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We, yovr Sunday School committee, beg leave to make the following report: The necessity of Sunday Schools is no longer a question of doubt; the christian influence arising therefrom and brought to bear upon the youth of the country, the increase of membership to the churches and it too, of a useful and working character, are sufficient to convince any one that a well organized Sunday School, as an auxiliary to the church, is indispensable to a proper training and developing of our children in the knowledge of the word of God, without which they can not make useful men and women in the vineyard of the Lord in their day and generation. It is therefore the opinion of your committee that the churches of this Association cannot do more for the eternal happiness of the rising generation in the advancement of the cause of Christ and the building up of a better moral sentiment throughout our bounds than by organizing Sunday Schools in every church of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, M. A. BIGGERS, Chairman.

D—PLEDGES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

To be sent to brother A. V. Rowe, at Winona, Miss., by the 1st of March, 1894, and report made to B. N. Hatch, Summit, Miss., who is in the employ of the Board to travel in the interest of Sunday Schools:

Bear Creek, $5.00.....McCool	Pleasant Ridge, $1.00, cash..... Bardly
New Zion, $5.00.....Chester	Collections at this hour $2.65, cash
French Camp, $5.00.....French Camp	Mt. Olivit church by sister Sarah Butler, $5.00.....Sturgis
Ackerman, $3.00.....Ackerman	French Camp by sister W. J. Wilson, $5.00.....French Camp
Fellowship, $2.00.....Mathiston	Mt. Pisgah by sister W Dobbs, $5.00..Bywy
Beulah, $2.00.....Weir	Bly's Creek, $5.00.....Pinto
Bluff Springs, $5.00.....Grady	Providence, $5.00.....Chester
Fentress, $2.00.....Fentress	Total amount of pledges, $52.65
Kuhama, $2.00.....Chester	Paid in cash to Bro. Fancher, $5.65,
Mrs. J. J. Franklin, $1.00.....Pinto	Leaving unpaid, $57.00.
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Mt. Olivet, $1.00, cash.....Sturges	

E—SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Benevolence would report as follows: We being a religious body, it is expected that we should look at the subject from that standpoint and that alone. Every human being should be benevolent, that is, kind, affectionate, friendly, &c., towards his friends from a worldly view, and should endeavor to practice this trait of character. Every christian must be, if he lives up to the full measure of his obligations to the Master. It is in deed to him a christian grace; but like all others, it must be cultivated and developed. God has system in everything and created everything systematically, and we see it in all His works. Christianity is the grandest of all systems, proceeding from the benevolence of God, planned and executed by His hand and it is His plan to reach and save man. "We are His workmanship" created anew in Christ Jesus, unto good works &c. We then are membsrs of this great system, or spiritual edifice having God for our father and Jesus Christ for our elder brother. Then the Father has something for every one of us to do, for it is His purpose to disciple the world through His people, and no great object can be accomplished except by a well planed system. Benevolence should be practiced among us, and as to christians giving, it should rise to that highth that we call liberal giving, in order to obtain the funds to carry on the enterprises fostered by the church. God has left it to each one of us as to the amount we should give, leaving it to our judgment, but our judgement should be guided by the rule laid down by inspiration, that is, we should give in proportion as the Lord has prospered us. We are a bundle of habits and our giving should be habitual, and for this to be done we must adopt some system. Your committee would urge every church to adopt some system, and it is our idea that every pastor should see that every church under his charge adopt some systematic method, and that every church member has an opportunity to give to the support of the gospel at stat-

ed times and we are almost constrained to say that it is his duty to see that each one contributes something or refuses to do so.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. SEWARD, Chairman.

F—MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows: We are glad that the question of the removal of the college has died away and is settled. We say this because the agitation has damaged the college and kept up a division among us. This is our college and it should have the prayers and sympathy of every Baptist in the state. Its work for the past year was highly satisfactory to the students who attended, notwithstanding the agitation in reference to removal during the entire session. We hope to see this institution endowed sufficiently in a few years so that it will be self-sustaining. We can recommend no better college for boys than this one.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION: There are but few who are opposed to, or are antagonistic to an educated ministry. We can lay down no definite rule as to, or adopt a certain curriculum or course of study, and there should be none as to this subject. We are all learners, or should be, in the school of Christ; it is the duty of every christian to learn more and more of God and His word, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. The minister is the teacher and spiritual instructor to those with whom his lot may be cast. no one can instruct as to some thing he does not know and understand Christ taught His Apostles for three years in order to prepare them for the ministry. It is the minister's duty to preach the gospel, and he is urged to rightly divide the word of truth; this he cannot do without study and preparation. Your committee would earnestly urge every one contemplating entering the ministry to make the very best possible preparation as to education consistent with his ability and a postponement to this end for a time, would be time well spent in the long run.

Respectfully submitted, J. S. HOLLOWAY, Chairman.

G—PLEDGES

Taken for brother G. S. Jenkins, of Bly's Creek church, in this Association, to assist him to go to Clinton college. Bro. Jenkins is a young preacher and desires an education, and from the statement made by his neighbors and members of the church to which he belongs this Association heartily recommends him. B. R. Hughey $1 cash; Samuel Oswalt 50c cash; Bethlehem $5; Clear Springs $1; Bethany $2, paid by J. R. Smith; Sturges $2; Wake Forest $5, $1 paid by N. Q. Adams; Mt. Moriah $1; Fellowship, 50c paid by Nancy Foudren; Double Springs $5, $1 paid by Ben Azwell; Mt. Olivet $2.50; Ruhama $5; Mt. Pisgah $5; New Haven $5, $1 paid by brother Simpson; Ackerman $10; French Camp $5; Pleasant Ridge $5, $1.50 paid by W. M. Brown; Bluff Springs $2.50; New Zion $3, paid by L. L. Williams; Bly's Creek $5; Beulah $5; Providence $1; McCurtain's Creek $1, paid by Nail; Fentress $2; Cash collections $2.85; Louisville Association $10, pledged by J. T. Sargent; W. M. McDowell $1; W. M. Namore 50c paid; Melvin McClain 50c paid; Rochester Klutts $1 paid; sister J. T. Allen $1 paid 50c.; Johnie Wilson 10c paid; sister W. J. Wilson $1 paid; sister D. C. Klutts 30c paid; sister Elnor Oswalt 05; making in all pledged $112.80. Cash paid on pledges taken therefrom $22.30; yet to be paid $90.50.

H—WOMAN'S WORK.

God makes no mistakes. His ways are always right, consequently best. In the beginning He made man, and from a rib in his side, made his counter and better part—woman. She awakened the love in his heart and Adam said: "This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." Thus we see that in the very economy of things that there was a place for woman, and God made her for the place. She has fulfilled her mission since her creation and presentation to man, as nobly, if not more so

than her companion. Her place was by the side of him for whom she was created; her mission was that of a helper; for it was said after the creation of every other thing, but for Adam there was not found a help-meet for him. He who created the man; certainly knew the character of the help he needed to fulfill his mission, and He who made the helper, certainly knew how to make a helper suitable. That man mistakes his own powers when he refuses the help for which God has prepared, and that woman mistakes her mission when she refuses to be anything else, or aspires to be anything more than a helper. Your committee notes the great efforts and success of the women of our churches to help in all the enterprises fostered by our conventions. We note with even greater pleasure the modesty they have exercised in not transcending the bounds laid down in God's word. While other women have laid claim to the platform, and even the pulpit, assuming a leadership not warranted by God's word; our Baptist women have been more than content to meekly, modestly take her place as a helper. So nobly and so well has she done her work that she has incited to greater diligence and greater efforts those whom she helps. In this wonderful era of missions no people seem to have a keener preception of their duties and obligations than our Southern women, and no people seem to be discharging these obligations more cheerfully than they. God has given them to us as helpets, and recognizing the arduous duties upon us and difficulties of discharging them, we humbly thank the giver of every good and perfect gift for the human help given. We gratefully recognize their help and cheerfully commend them for the spirit in which they have rendered, and would in every way encourage them in the labors so heartily undertaken and so successfully prosecuted. It may not be ouf of place to here state that there is 468 women mission societies now in the State and here is a report of the work done by them this year: General distribution Foreign mission $652.92; Home mission $613.87; State mission $504.50; Ministerial Education $564.50; Mississippi College $54.50; Centennial fund $658.32; Sustentation $99.80; Home use $3,700.11; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary $49.50; Jackson Baptist church $610.20; General fund $16.00; boxes to frontier missionaries $395.95. Total $8,138.20.

DANID BURNEY, Chairman.

I—REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee beg leave to submit the following report: Brethren, we see the cause of Christ is advancing and we believe that our publications being widely distributed has greatly aided the Master's work by including an enthusiasm in the cause of Christ by prosecuting his plans, and we do think if our own literature was widely distributed the missionary spirit would permeate the minds of our people with greater aspiratives for good; we would earnestly recommend that all Baptist should read the Baptist Record, printed at Meridian, the Baptist Layman, printed at Winona, Kind Words, printed at Nashville, Tenn, Foreign Missions Journal, printed at Richmond, Va. and Home and Field, of Atlanta, Ga. These publications contain much valuable information which will have a tendency to carry home to the heart of every individual the great truth and doctrine that is so much needed to be taught in every home. Respectfully submitted, W. A. EDWARDS, Ch.

J—TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: We are glad to report that the cause of Temperance is advancing, that christians seeing the evils of intemperance and realizing the responsibilities that rest upon them are more zealous and making greater efforts to stop and annihilate the monster evil, intemperance, than they have ever done before, and we are glad to note that to-day there is not a place within the bounds of this Association, nor but few counties in the State where intoxicating liquors can be legally sold. That temperance is a christian virtue, without which no one can build any

christian character, hence we believe that it is the duty of all christians to be temperate in all things and to use all means in their power to promote the cause of temperance, and that it is their duty to refrain from sanctioning any of the evils of intemperance, whereby so many are brought to degredation and ruin.

Respectfully submitted,
S. B. DOBBS,
G. W. HENSON, } Committtee.

K—SUSTENTATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: There is no christian grace nor church duty that is more in accord with the Divine teachings than sustentation. For three years the Master Himself went about healing the sick, relieving the distressed and teaching the people. And it is by the grace of God that we are brought from a poor, lost condition, which we are by nature, to a saving knowledge of Christ, and our feet planted on the rock which is Jesus Christ, and we are sustained by the grace and kept by the power of God, for it is in and through Him that we live, move and have our being. Then as the children and servants He has left us the care of His people, as well as the advancement of His cause. Then as christians for whom He has done so much, we should not fail in the spirit of benevolence to all in distress by speaking a kind word to the broken hearted, and lending a helping hand to the poor, for in so doing we add jewels to a crown in a world to come. But this is not only a christian, but also a church duty. We learn in Acts, 6th chapter, that there arose murmerings of the Grecians against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations and for that reason there were seven men of good report selected from among the desciples and set apart to see to the wants and take care of the poor, while the apostles continued in the ministry, Thus we see that it is a church duty and one of such inportance as to call for the selection and appointment of men to see especially to the christian work. While the churches have not reported any statistics on this subject, we recommend that they do not neglect this important duty, as we fear it is often the case, and recommend that every deacon of this Association be active, earnest and diligent at all times in ascertaining the wants and needs of the distressed of his community, and bring the same to the knowledge of the church, and that they use all means in their power to relieve the same, for by so doing we imitate our great Master and lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. Now there are some widows whose husbands spent the most of their lives in laboring in the bounds of this and the Louisville Association, and who we think have special claims at our hands, and we recommend that the Association give them such aid as they can.

Respectfully submitted, { W. H. H. FANCHER, E. R. SEWARD, DAVID BURNEY.

L—OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries would respectully report as follows: That death has entered our body; on the 20th day of September, 1893, our brother, Eld. E. A. Fant, was called from his labors on earth to the inheritance prepared for God's people beyond the Jordan of death. He was born January 4th, 1841, in Abbeville district, South Corolina, and removed with his widowed mother to this state in 1843. He united with the New Zion Baptist church at the age of 15, and afterwards joined Clear Springs church and remained a consistent and exemplary member up to his death. He was ordained by request of Clear Springs church after his return from the Southern army, after peace was declared. He had a very limited education, but was well versed in the Scriptures, and well posted in the doctrine of salvation by grace. He served the Clear Springs church as pastor for 18 years, and from his ordination to his death was actively engaged in the ministry. He was honest and upright in all his

dealings with his fellow man. He was active in the organization of the Chester Association, but was prevented by the call of the Master to higher duties, from attending our present meeting. He died in the full assurance of faith, and our loss is his gain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they cease from their labors and their works do follow them."

Resolved: That the heartfelt sympathies of this body be tendered to the friends and relatives of our deceased brother, and that a copy of this report be forwarded to his befreft family.

Your committee would further report that brother T. A. J. Owens departed this life on the 20th day of October, 1892, at a ripe old age, having passed the four score mile board on life's journey. He joined the Baptist church at Starkville, Miss., in 1849, but was a member of Sturgis church at the time of his death. He was a consistant and upright member of the church for 43 years. He was emphatically a man of prayer and impressed all who came in contact with him, of his deep piety and love for Christ's cause, He was ordained to the ministry in 1869, after passing the meridian of life and made a good gospel preacher. He never missed a meeting of the Louisville Association unless it was from sickness. He lived to see his five children and the wife of his youth all buried and he often remarked: "They are all gone, but I will go and meet them." He died as he had lived, in the triumphs of a living faith. "Blessed are they who love me and keep my commandments, for they shall have a right to the tree of life, and shall enter through the gates into the city." He leaves a wife and one grand child to mourn his loss, to whom we hereby tented our sympathies, and the promise that they be remembered at the throne of grace. Your committee would ask that a memorial service for each be held at our next meeting, and that the Clerk forward a copy of this report to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. SEWARD, W. H. H. FANCHER, DAVID BURNEY.

M—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board reports as follows: The Board met soon after the organizations of this Association and organized by electing W. M. Weeks, Chairman and E. R. Seward, Secretary. We have employed no missionary within the bounds of this Association this year. On March 8th, 1893, we passed a resolution requesting the State Board to supplement brother T. J. Sargent's salary at Fentress $30.00, and the secretary wrote the Board that owing to the amount of work that the State Board had contracted for this year and the scarcity of the funds, it could not grant our request. We would report that brother Sargent has labored at Fentress without any promises from us or the State Board, that his labors have been blessed by the Giver of all good gifts, and that a goodly number have been baptized as the visible result of his efforts, and a church organized which has been admitted into this body. Your Board would respectfully recommend that the money sent up by the churches for missions and for Associational purposes and the collections made at this meeting be paid to him for his services at Fentress during the year, after deducting the amount due for expenses already incurred by this body. Respectfully submitted,

E. R. SEWARD, Ser'y. W. M. WEEKS, Ch.

N—COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

I, W. A. Edwards, Colporteur for Chester and Louisville Associatsons begs leave to submit the following report: Sermons preached 41; Prayer meetings visited 45; Bibles sold 14; Testaments sold 48; Hymn books sold, 163; other religious books 13; total No. books sold 238. Taken subscriptions for Baptist Layman 60; churches visited, Mt. Moriah, Ruhama, Wake Forest, Bethlehem, Bly's Creek, Fentress, Double Springs. Miles traveled 584. Resp'y submitted. W. A. EDWARDS, Colporteur.

O—NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee submit the following: That brother B L Middleton preach the Introductory sermon, brother A P Berry alternate, and the following brethren be appointed as an Executive Board for the next associational year: J J Carter, J L Power, J H Eddleman, W F Cole and J F Berry. We recommend that the Board meet at Weir, Miss.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. FRAZIER, Chairman.

P—FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report. We have received for minutes $37.05; Missions $6.20; Home Missions $4.00; Foreign Mission $4.00; Associational purposes $12.65; State Missions $1.50; collection for bible for church $2.80; Ministerial Education for G S Jenkins $22.30. Total $90.50. Paid Bro. Middleton, pastor of church for bible $2.80; amount on hand $87.70.

Respectfully submitted, S. B. DOBBS, Chairman.

Q—RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved that the thanks of the Association be tendered the members of Fellowship church and citizens of the vicinity for their kind hospitality during the sitting of our body.

Resolved that the thanks be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithfulness in attending to their duties during out present meeting.

E. R. SEWARD.

R—ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

Your committee on Ordained Ministers and Licentiates report as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS—N Q Adams, Sturgis; W H H Fancher, French Camp; D Burney, Ackerman; M A Biggers, Chester; Moses Black, Sturgis; M A Carr, McCool; W A Edwards, Ackerman; A J Franklin, Pinto; G W Henson, Bywy; J W Jenkins and Joseph Peacock, Bankston; J H D Watson, Kenago, Jasper Watson, Reform; B L Middleton, Pinto; A P Berry, Sturgis, Miss.

LICENTIATES—J E Perry, Chester; W A Taylor, French Camp; J B Worrell, Frentress; C H Dobbs, Bywy; G S Jenkins, Pinto; B E Watson, Chester; W F Burdette, Chester, Miss.

S—STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR.

Missions: E R Seward, B C McGarrity and J C Keen.
Systematic Benevolence: D Burney, D P Franks and G M Vaughn.
Sunday School—A P Berry, J G Brooks and W A Edwards.
Miss. Col. and Mins. Ed.—W H H Fancher, J L Power and W M Weeks.
Woman's Work—S B Dobbs, J F Berry and M A Carr.
Publications—G W Henson, J T Allen and C H Dobbs.
Temperance—M A Biggers, J R Smith and J W Ramage.
Sustentations—J H D Watson, J H McCarty and W D Mullin.
Obituaries—E R Seward, W H H Fancher and David Burney.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Appoint Finance committee,		11—Report on Miss. Col. and Mins. Education
2—Reading Letters,		12—Report on Woman's Work,
3—Organization of Association,		13—Report on Publications,
4—Call for Petionary letters,		14—Report on Temperance,
5—Call for Correspondence,		15—Report on Sustentation,
6—Return Correspondence,	[Business,	16—Report of Finance committee,
7—Appoint Special Com. and Miscellaneous		17—Report of Executive committee,
8—Report on Missions,		18—Appoint Standing committees,
9—Report on Systematic Benevolence,		19—Miscellaneous Business,
10—Report on Sunday Schools,		20—Prayer.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

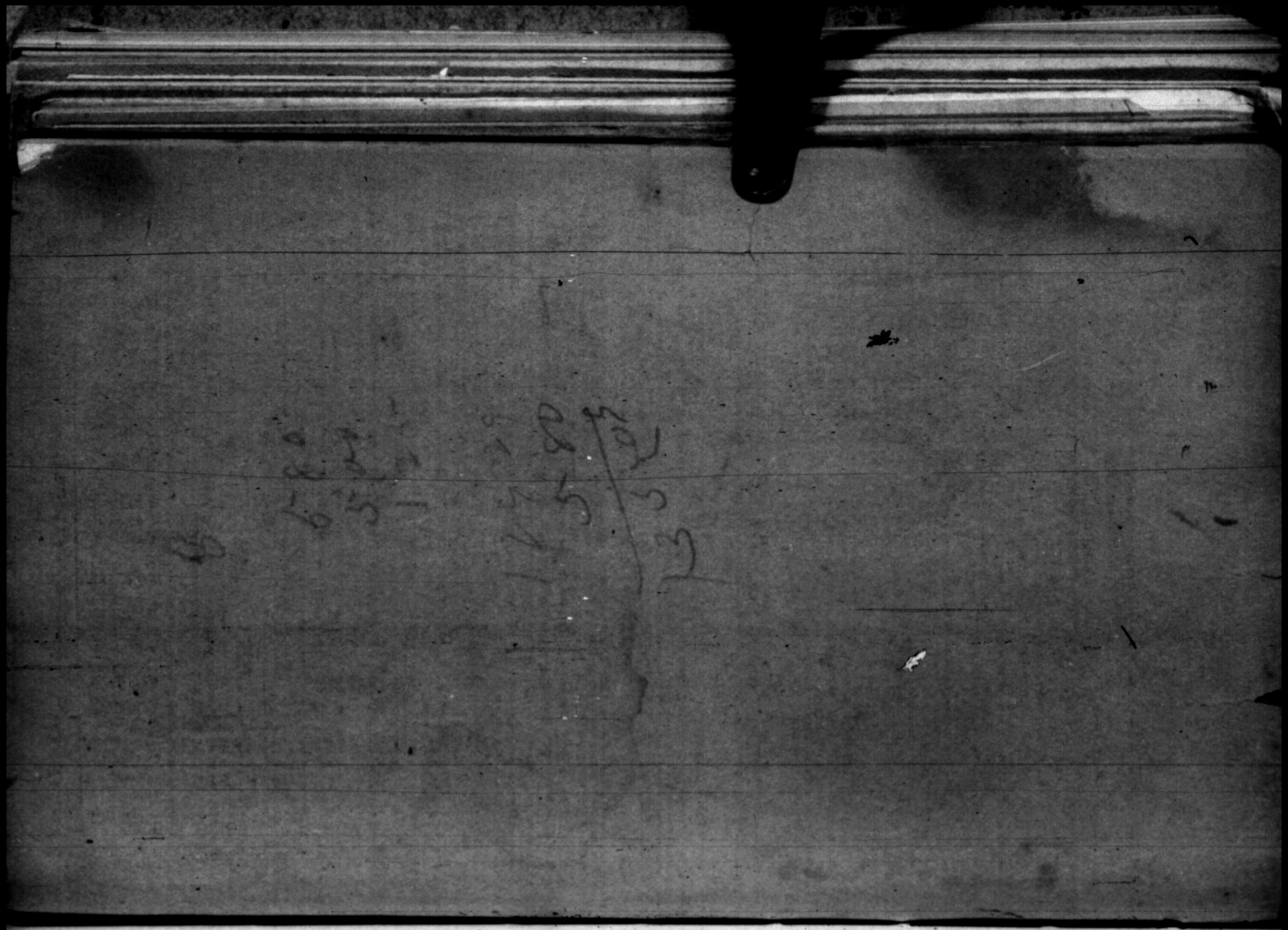
Organized,	Place.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Introductory Sermon,
1892.....	Chester.....	N Q Adams.....	J R W Foster.....	
1893.....	Fellowship.....	N Q Adams.....	J R W Foster.....	J H D Watson.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	Associat'n ...Mission	Foreign... ...Mission	Missions.. & School..	Expenses	Pastor's.. ...Salary	other than Pastor	Sustenta- ...tions	Other ... objects	Val. of ch.	Property.	Minute ... ...Fund	Foreign... ...Missions	State..... ...Mission	Home ....Mission	Con Board
Ackerman	....	....	..	.....	165 00	.....	....	7 50	7 50	2 50	10 35	7 30	.....	.....	..
Bluff Springs	....	....	..	.....	...	...	....	...	...	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	..
Bear Creek	....	....	..	.....	130 70	.....	5 60	21 10	8 00	2 50	7 30	5 60	5 15	.....	..
Beulah	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	1 50	18 00	.....	1 50	5 60	5 00	3 00	.....	..
Bly's Creek	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 80	6 00	...	.....	.....	..
Bethany	2 10	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Bethlehem	....	....	..	.....	72 00	.....	....	14 65	.....	2 00	2 15	.....	.....	.....	..
Center Grove	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Clear Springs	1 90	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 25	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	..
Double Springs	....	....	..	.....	20 85	3 25	....	3 50	....	2 00	2 65	2 20	.....	.....	..
Ebenezer	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Fellowship	....	2 00	..	7 35	.....	.....	....	.....	4 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
French Camp	...	...	..	10 96	200 00	.....	....	....	16 00	2 00	6 05	5 60	.....	.....	$5
Fentress	1 10	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Hogan's Chapel	....	....	$1	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	1...	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Mt. Moriah	1 09	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Mt. Pisgah	60	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 25	4 50	.....	.....	.....	..
Mt. Olivet	...	....	..	6 80	.....	.....	....	.....	5 00	1 00	2 15	.....	.....	.....	..
McCurtain's Creek	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	1 90	..
New Haven	....	....	..	.....	75 00	.....	1 50	.....	....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
New Zion	....	....	..	.....	105 00	12 60	....	.....	....	2 00	1 80	6 30	.....	.....	..
Pleasant Ridge	....	3 00	..	.....	.....	14 49	....	2 55	3 50	1 60	5 00	.....	.....	.....	..
Ruhama	....	....	..	.....	65 00	8 10	....	.....	4 00	1 50	21 85	.....	.....	.....	..
Spring Hill	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Sturgis	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Woods Springs	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Wake Forest	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	1 80	.....	.....	.....	..
Providence	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	..
	5 80	5 00	$1	25 11	833 85	38 35	8 60	67 30	49 00	37 80	84 29	82 80	10 15	$5	

Many of the churches do not send up full amounts sent off during the year in their letters hence I cannot get up full or accurate account. The statement in letters do not fully agree with finance committee report from the fact that some money is paid to committee not reported in letter. Total amount paid out for every purpose during the year, $1157.16.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Added by Baptised	Letter...	Restored	Lost by Excluded	Death ...	Males..... ...	Females	Total.....	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.
Ackerman	.	7	..	8	..	1	25	48	72	T J Freeman, Starkville	J L Power, Ackerman
Bluff Springs	1	3	..	11	..	2	54	61	115	E A Eant (was) Chester	J T Lindsey, Eupora
Bear Creek	12	9	1	12	1	3	94	102	96	W H H Fancher Fr. Camp	W H Black
Beulah	1	..	..	..	..	..	...	...		" " "	No Letter
Bly's Creek	..	5	..	6	18	1	28	41	69	N Q Adams, Sturgis	A R Hester, Pinto
Bethany	17	11	..	..	..	..	...	...	119	Jasper Watson, Chester	Walter Stedman, Chester
Bethlehem	16	3	3	4	..	2	72	89	158	T J Sargent, Sturgis	W T Weeks, Ackerman
Center Grove	..	..	..	..	2	..	8	12	20	Jasper Watson, Chester	A O Douglass, Mayhem
Clear Springs	3	.	..	5	1	1	...	...	58	E A Fant (was) "	J P Biggers, Chester
Double Springs	21	8	..	8	8	2	52	75	127	N Q Adams, Sturgis	J O Templeton, Dbl. Sprs
Ebenezer	2	..	3	..	..	1	24	35	59	J C Peacock, Bankston	F F McGarry, Stuart
Fellowship	10	2	1	4	1	2	42	52	94	B L Middleton, Sapa	J W Woodward, Pinto
French Camp	..	..	..	1	1	..	81	27	58	T N Rhymes, Kosciusko	W A Taylor, Fr. Camp
Fentress	22	9	..	..	..	..	16	11	27	T J Sargent, Sturgis	Joe Thompson, Fentress
Hogans Chapel	1	..	..	..	..	1	19	20	39	G W Henson, Bywy	E C Johnson, Chester
Mt. Moriah	9	..	..	10	..	1	29	32	61	J H D Watson, Kenago	H R Kite, Kenago
Mt. Pisgah	..	5	..	6	1		89	51	90	David Burney Ackerman	C S Bowles, Bywy
Mt. Olivet	3	.	2	..	3	..	13	25	38	" " "	C H Butler, Sturgis
McCurtain's Cr	20	12	2	6	2	4	...	...	202	J H D Watson, Kenago	G W McGough, Bankston
New Haven	16	7	2	..	2	1	42	58	100	J T Sargent, Sturgis	A W Chamblee, "
New Zion	8	2	3	2	..	..	51	72	122	W H H Fancher, Fr. Camp	J T Weatherall, Chester
Pleasant Ridge	38	..	4	1	..	1	39	30	49	N Q Adams, Sturgis	A J Sykes, Sturgis
Ruhama	3	..	..	..	..	..	21	25	46	W H H Fancher Fr. Camp	J R W Foster, Chester
Spring Hill	5	3	3	3	..	..	24	39	64	E A Fant (was) Chester	J O Ray, Dido
Sturgis	3	3	..	8	2	1	18	17	35	J D Fulton, Sturgis	W C Smith, Sturgis
Wood's Springs	16	12	..	3	..	..	...	...	58	J C Peacock, Bankston	J M Wood, Bankston
Wake Forest	5	4	1	2	1	..	17	35	52	N Q Adams, Sturgis	W Woodson, Sturgis
Providence	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	....	* E A Fant, Chester	Jas. McCarty, Chester
	98	24	89	45	23	738	963	2018	No Letter.		

Several churches did not give No. of males or females, the No. given is 1691, but should be 2018. 201 baptised this year.